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International Checkbook

Changes abroad threaten tuition hikes in states

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Northwest is potentially feeling the effects of a 2016 financial crack-down in India.

India's government blindsided its citizens Nov. 8 with a sudden ban on two notes of currency – the 500 rupee note and 1,000 rupee note.

The primary intentions behind the ban were to curb corruption, suppress tax evasion and eliminate black money in the country.

Northwest computer science graduate assistant Mohammed Sardar said the effects on his family were immediate.

"They were affected badly because we usually pay a lot of money; a lot of transactions happen in cash," Sardar said. "We have maids at our house, we have drivers, and all of them take money in cash. They are not in a habit of using plastic currency."

Both rupee notes make up about 80 percent of India's currency, according to the New York Times.

The Indian government gave an option for citizens to exchange the old notes for a newer, legal version of equal value, but only until the end of last year.

Many families were forced to wait in long lines at overwhelmed ATMs and banks to exchange the money.

Sardar said his own relatives from Hyderabad, a city in southern India, stood in line only to be turned away.

"My grandfather went for the



Long waits happened to exchange the bills for smaller ones

money and was standing there for three hours, and [bank employees] said 'No, the money is gone,'" Sardar said. "Some people even said rich people came and booked the money before time – then they took the money and went."

Sardar's two younger brothers also stood in line to give their mother time to rest while chaos unfolded.

Others without family to assist them were forced to stand in the lines for days.

The situation puts a strain on some Indian students paying tuition at Northwest.

Director of Admissions and International Affairs Jeff Foot said some affected students have already approached him regarding the issue.

"We've already seen a few students reporting to us that making payments to the University is challenging," Foot said. "Working through that with the Bursar's office is something they'll need to do. I would say a handful have come forward, but my guess is that handful represent a larger demand that's in the population."

Northwest officials said the problem could tell a greater story

about a recent decrease in enrollment in the University's computer science program.

Director of the School of Computer Science and Information Systems Carol Spradling said enrollment numbers dropped from 453 in the fall of 2015 to 382 in the fall of 2016.

Spradling gives several possible reasons for the decrease, including U.S. consulates tightening visa procedures and questioning, the recent election of Donald Trump and the demonetization in India.

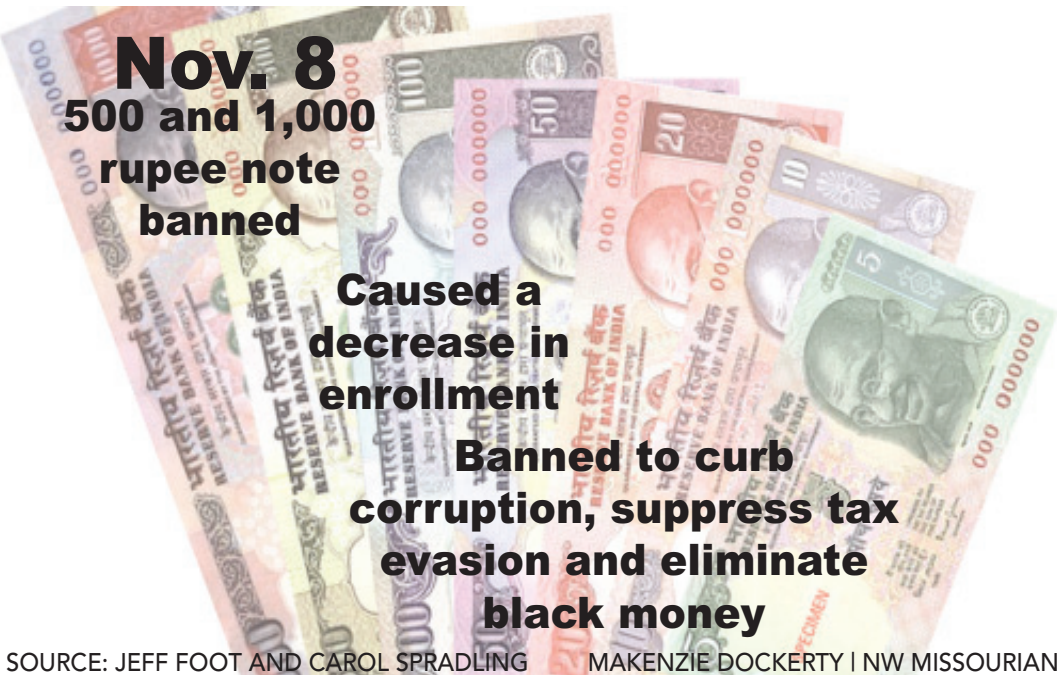
The dwindle in numbers is not limited to Northwest, however.

"We know that we're not the only school that's down," Spradling said. "This is not just impacting us. It's impacting all of the schools across the United States – overseas as well. In the UK, their enrollments are down."

Meanwhile, Sardar realizes the demonetization could help India in the long run.

He also knows until then, the people of India are frustrated.

"They are angry," Sardar said. "I think it'll hit the government hard in the coming months."



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Missouri lawmakers lower DWI penalties

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New legislation now in effect in Missouri will lessen severe charges given to repeat DWI offenders.

A person commits the crime of driving while intoxicated if he operates a motor vehicle while in an intoxicated or drugged condition, as laid out in Chapter 577.010 of Missouri Public Safety Offenses.

The statute is not limited to alcohol, and "drugged" can include drugs taken under prescription.

Sophomore Genny Eckerle thinks DWI charges should be as strict as possible.

"Driving under the influence is really dumb," Eckerle said. "You may never think it's that dangerous, but it really is. I don't think a decrease in DWI charges is good for Missouri drivers. More people could abuse the system and make roads less safe for everyone."

Prior Missouri law indicates that persistent offenders, or individuals with two prior DWI convictions, would face a Class D felony, punishable by up to seven years in prison and possible \$10,000 fine.

Now these individuals face the downgraded charge of a Class E felony, punishable by up to four years in prison or one year in jail and court imposed fine of up to \$10,000.

Aggravated offenders, or those with three prior DWI convictions, will now receive a Class D felony for subsequent related actions as compared to the prior Class C felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

Chronic offenders, or those with four prior DWI convictions, face a Class C felony for further DWI convictions as compared to the prior Class B felony, punishable by a minimum of five years in prison and a maximum of 15 years.

A person operating a motor vehicle with .08 of 1 percent or more by weight of alcohol in his or her blood is considered to be driving with excessive blood content, which is punishable by Missouri law.

Freshman Dominick Gambino said he wants to see less intoxicated University students on the road.

"For the people who drive under the influence, I would advise them to use Safe Ride or ask a friend to take you to and from where you need to go," Gambino said.

Gambino said the system is too light on first-time offenders compared to the danger they pose to others around them.

"A decrease in charges won't help Missouri drivers because first-time offenders only get a misdemeanor," Gambino said. "Being impaired while driving is dangerous."

According to the University's website, the Safe Ride Home program is a safe and timely transportation service within the city limits of Maryville, MO, offered by students, for students at Northwest.

Safe Ride offers late night transportation services to students Wednesday from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., as well as Friday and Saturday from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.



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New legislation changes in Missouri will lessen the penalty of a DWI for repeat offenders.



ANNASTASIA TUTTLE | NW MISSOURIAN

Northwest faculty celebrated the Maintain No Gain event Jan. 12.

Northwest employees celebrate curbing holiday eating habits

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Faculty and staff members gathered to celebrate either losing or maintaining their weight during the holiday break.

The Maintain Don't Gain Participation Celebration took place Jan. 12 to celebrate everyone's success of the Maintain Don't Gain challenge, which took place from Nov. 21 to Jan. 9. The challenge and celebration were hosted by the Benefits and Wellness Committee.

Assistant Director of Wellness

Services Judy Frueh and other employees hoped the challenge would help combat the normal weight gain seen during the holiday season.

"One of the employees on the Benefits and Wellness Committee actually came up with the idea of this challenge and we really liked it," Frueh said. "We then decided to host this around break because people tend to gain weight over the holidays and we wanted to try and help prevent that from happening. We started the challenge right before Thanksgiving and decided to continue it until January 9th, after winter break."

Brand Manager Kim Ziegler and other participants in the challenge formed a closeness as they supported and helped each other.

"It is important to have a support system and to have a built-in accountability to help you maintain your weight and do this challenge," Ziegler said. "It isn't just about your physical health, but it is also your mental health and if you can feel like you are a part of a team and have a support system, then you are that more equipped to be successful."

SEE NO GAIN | A5

Public library begins adult reading challenge



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Maryville Public Library challenges adults in the Maryville area to read more books with the adult reading challenge.

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Staff at the Maryville Public Library encourage book enthusiasts, as well as occasional readers, to participate in their adult reading challenge.

Library Director Stephanie Patterson said the challenge is to really get adults in the Maryville area involved in reading.

"We have a great summer reading program for children around the Maryville area and we wanted to do something similar for adults," Patterson said. "This time of year adults are setting goals for themselves and it's cold out-maybe they are wanting to do a lot of reading-so we wanted to give them an incentive to meet some of their learning and reading goals."

The challenge began Jan. 3 and will continue through Feb. At the end of the challenge, winners will have the opportunity to choose from several gently used, fairly new DVDs and books to take home.

Program Coordinator Kim Offutt said participants can enter up to four tickets into the drawing, one ticket per book they read off of the library's list of books to choose from. If a participant's ticket is drawn at the end of the challenge, he or she may choose selections from the library's prize cabinet.

In the past, the challenge allowed participants to choose any book from the library to read in order to submit their tickets. Offutt said they changed the challenge this year to only allow participants to choose from specific books to hopefully give readers a chance to step outside of their comfort zones.

"The books are Pulitzers, his-

torical, non-fiction, prize winners, etc," Offutt said. "We are trying to get people to try something that they wouldn't normally try. Maybe it's what they have always wanted to do, but they just need us to push them out their comfort zones. It may be rewarding for them to read these books. There is a reason why they are award winners; it's more satisfying to read these kinds of books."

When the event is over, 10 winners will pick out five books and three DVDs from the prize cabinet.

Offutt said sharing new books with new readers is her favorite part of the event.

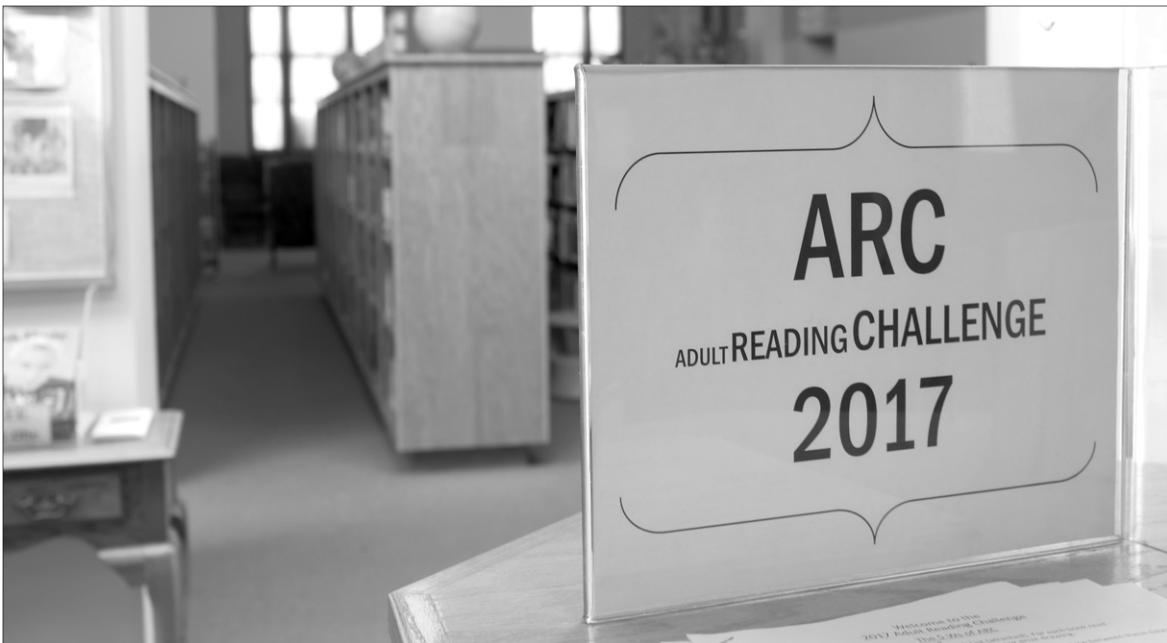
"There are some really good books on the list. I just think it is exciting that maybe people will not just enjoy the books, but learn something new about reading, about themselves or just enjoy something new. I love that books can do that. They can make your world bigger, and I'm helping other people experience that," Offutt said.

The adult reading challenge has several new aspects this year, from a specific list of books to read to the way the library staff will measure success.

Patterson said they have gotten rid of the sign-up sheet used in past years and have a more relaxed way of measuring success.

"This year, we are going to count our success in a new way, in the way people have that experience with a book that really changes your thoughts about literature, that deep learning and reading experience," Patterson said.

At the end of the event, Offutt said she will count the tickets to see how many people signed up, but the most important thing is to help readers reach their reading and learning goals.



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Library staff will help anyone with e-book questions Jan. 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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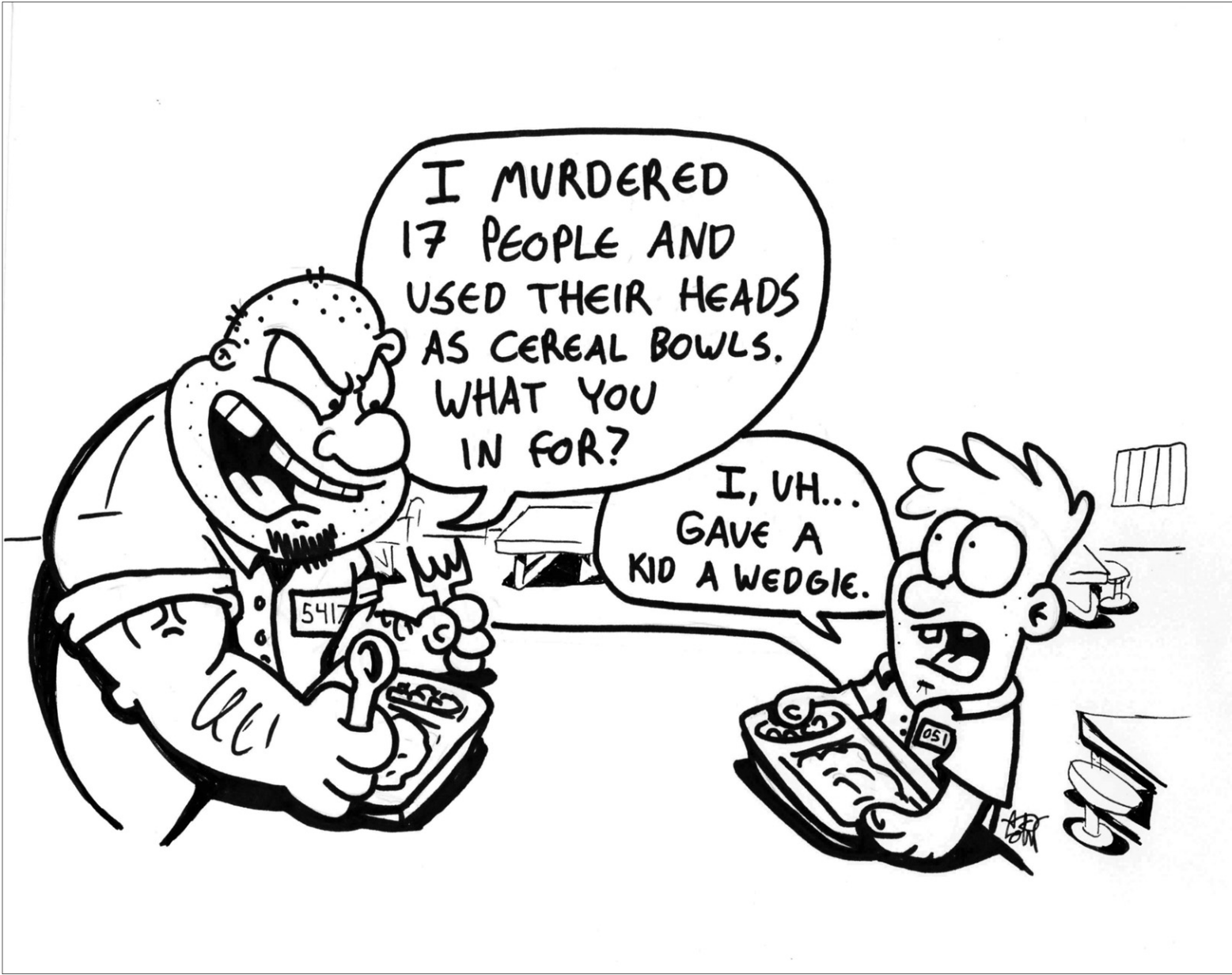
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OUR VIEW:

Children should not become felons for bullying

Bullying, in particular cyber-bullying, is something that needs to be addressed over and over again in school. There should be strict punishments for perpetrators and students should be forced to take their actions seriously.

That being said, children should not be charged with felonies for mistakes they make in elementary school.

Teachers and administrators are mandated reporters. This means if they suspect any abuse or neglect, they are required to call the authorities.

With a new law, this reporting will now apply to bullying and harassment taking place in school by other children.

Furthermore, this law intensifies the charge for harassment; it will now be considered a felony.

In no way does The Missouriian believe the implications of bullying is not serious. We understand the emotional trauma bullying can cause

and the long term effects it can have.

However, children and even young teenagers cannot be expected to understand the full implications of their actions.

Instead of dragging children into the courtroom to sentence them to jail time, they should be taught in schools about the impact bullying has.

Now, this takes away from the new academic push. Most schools are getting rid of assemblies altogether and are forcing required programs to be taught in a 20-minute time frame blocked out on one day of the year.

But understanding how to relate to people and function well among peers is just as important as learning the quadratic formula or memorizing the functions of a comma.

The new law will only affect those who commit harassment in the first degree. This means the actions taken do not have a good reason and

are for the purpose of causing emotional distress.

Although this law is trying to take precautions by only charging those students with intent to cause harm, it is difficult to pinpoint intent in any situation, let alone a situation involving a 10-year-old.

Overall, this seems like a waste of time and money. Children should not have a mistake they made when they were in elementary school affect the likelihood they will get a job down the road.

Instead of getting the police involved and having to spend more money taking the students to court and potentially spend time in juvenile hall, schools should be spending time trying to be proactive and preventing these problems before they even begin.

This means taking time away from classes. This means bringing in speakers who have suffered from bullying or who bullied someone without

realizing the impact of their actions.

The Netflix mockumentary, “A Girl Like Her” is a perfect example of why students should not be charged with felonies for bullying.

In the movie, a bully tormented another girl to the point where the victim attempted suicide. This is a very serious issue, but it was not until the bully saw herself on tape and saw her victim’s reaction that she was truly able to process what she had done and the impact of her actions.

She just did not know.

This does not excuse her bullying. This does not make the effects of her actions any less serious.

All this shows is how desperately schools need to focus on education that will prevent bullying before it begins and provide legitimate means for victims to report bullying.

We need to take bullying seriously. But we also need to understand the people we are working with are just kids.

OBAMA

An era comes to a close



It is the end of an era. As of this Friday, we will have a new President of the United States.

It is hard to wrap my head around the fact that President Obama has been in office since I was in sixth grade. So much has changed in the last eight years, and the legacy of this administration will be seen for years to come.

Over the last eight years, many policies and mandates have shaped where we were as a country and where we are headed in the next few years.

One of the first things that comes to mind when I think about the Obama administration is the Affordable Care Act, more commonly known as Obamacare. While it is still a large controversy among people, the idea took great steps to provide healthcare for those who could not afford health insurance.

Aside from universal healthcare, President Obama helped our country recover from one of the worst economic recessions in U.S. history. Over the last eight years, the economy has grown and almost 4 million jobs have been created in response to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in 2009. This helped many people get back on their feet and afford the basic necessities to survive.

One of the best policies passed during this administration is the increase of funds to Veteran Affairs. With the withdrawal from Iraq, many soldiers coming home can get the medical care they deserve. This increase in veteran affairs also led to an increase in the amount of funds set aside for the GI Bill, which gives more of our service men and women the chance to go to college and find a life outside of the service.

During President Obama’s two terms, we have seen great advancements for how the rest of the world views the United States. The president’s use of diplomacy, rhetoric and policies have brought the United States back into the spotlight among allies around the world.

In my opinion, one of the biggest accomplishments of this administration is in response to the War on Terror. During the last eight years, we have seen a full withdrawal from Iraq where soldiers had been fighting since Oct. of 2001. Also during this time we saw the elimination of Osama bin Laden and a complete turnaround in the War on Terror.

I have seen only three presidents in the White House in my lifetime, and in my opinion, Barack Obama has been the best president. What awaits us in the future with President-Elect Trump is unknown, but I look toward the future with a sense of hope and excitement with whatever lies ahead for us as a country. Even though we might not all agree on the election, we need to put our hope in the future, and hope everything will turn out for us as a society and as a nation.

Animals are not for our entertainment



Wild animals are not ours to use for entertainment and should not be taken into captivity unless it is necessary for their health.

Tilikum, the killer whale, died in captivity Jan. 6. He was infamous for three human deaths during his 33-year captivity.

Although he lived five years longer than the species’ average 30-year male life span, his quality of life was not what it would be had he not been in captivity.

According to National Geographic, zoos have been around since before 2500 BC, but the first U.S. zoo, the Philadelphia Zoo, opened in 1874. Americans have been keeping wild animals in captivity for almost 150 years.

This is unacceptable and needs to end.

The three deaths Tilikum caused would not have happened had he not been held captive. Tilikum killed Keltie Byrne, Daniel Dukes and Dawn Brancheau in 1991, 1999 and 2010, respectively.

Although these deaths could have occurred in a rehabilitation center, had Tilikum been captive for his own safety, they did not.

Byrne and Brancheau were both animal trainers employed by aquariums and Dukes was an aquarium patron who stuck around after-hours. If we did not use animals as entertainment, these deaths would not have happened.

As a country, we need to stop being selfish and using animals for entertainment against their will. This includes zoos, aquariums, circuses and any other form of wild animal captivity.

The only reason an undomesticated animal should ever be in captivity is for research, or their own

safety if they are injured.

Although I am sure some zoos and aquariums treat animals well, the animals do not experience life the same way they would had they lived in their natural habitat.

This poses an issue because if these captive animals are ever released, they must relearn skills they lost in order to survive in the wild again.

Keiko, a 26-year-old orca and the star of Free Willy, died just one year after being released from captivity. He had been in captivity since 1979 and was released into the wild five years after the filming of the last Free Willy movie.

Even after being taught how to survive in the wild, Keiko still searched for human companionship in the wild because he did not know a life without it.

I generally like to think humans are a caring species, but our treatment of wildlife makes it hard to believe. We should not put animals in a situation where they are taken from

their natural homes and families just to die in captivity or be released and die because they forgot how to live.

Colin Baird, one of Tilikum’s previous trainers, made a statement reinforcing this belief.

“I think everyone has a better understanding of the natural world and the intelligence and social infrastructure of these amazing animals -- and that concrete pools are not a place for them to be,” Baird said.

Luckily, SeaWorld finally sees the issue in question.

“Times have changed, and we are changing with them. The killer whales in our care will be the last generation of killer whales at SeaWorld. The company will end all orca breeding as of today,” SeaWorld said in a statement released by the aquarium.

This is a stance all aquariums and zoos need to take. We need to care more for wildlife than for our own entertainment. To make a change, visit www.captiveanimals.org to sign a petition or make a donation.

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Frueh said the celebration brought together all those who had participated in the challenge to acknowledge their achievements and allow them to connect with other participants.

“This event really was a great team building exercise,” Frueh said. “It allowed people to talk to and meet other staff members that they may not have known or just people they might not get to see as often as they’d like. Everyone here today is not just about celebrating themselves, but also everyone else around them and what they were able to accomplish in this challenge.”

Ziegler said the event helped her truly understand and see how invested Northwest was in its employees. The University showed its support by providing a healthy lunch and raffling off prizes during the celebration.

“This challenge really embodies the idea that Bearcats care because this event really shows that Northwest cares about its employees in all aspects, both mentally and physically,” Ziegler said. “This event really shows how much the University really cares about us as faculty and staff and really kind of sets Northwest apart from your typical university.”

Multimedia Specialist Todd Weddle believed the challenge really encompassed the idea and feeling of community that Northwest has.

“I think this challenge really goes back to the family atmosphere that we have here,” Weddle said. “Everyone is in this together and it became a really good bonding experience, and that’s really what Northwest is all about.”



The Maintain No Gain project was centered around making it through the holiday season without gaining any weight.

ANNASTASIA TUTTLE | NW MISSOURIAN



The challenge and celebration were hosted by the Benefits and Wellness committee. The challenge took place between Nov. 21 and Jan. 9.



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The baseline goal for all participants was to keep their weight through the holiday season, but some used the event as an opportunity to attempt to trim a few pounds.



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Blotters for the week of January 19

Maryville Department of Public Safety

Jan. 5
There is an ongoing smoke investigation following a fire report at the 2700 block of 242th Street.

Jan. 9
A summons was issued to **Laura M. Price**, 37, for driving while suspended at the 1700 block of North Main.

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 800 block of South Main.

Jan. 10
There is an ongoing investigation for forgery at the 600 block

of North Main.

Jan. 11
A summons was issued to **Shay V. Buyas**, 39, of Orlando, Florida, for driving while intoxicated and failure to maintain right half of roadway.

There is an ongoing investigation for fraud at the 1100 block of North College Avenue.

Jan. 12
There is an ongoing investigation for fraud at the 1400 block of South Main.

There is an ongoing investigation for fraud at the 200 block of East Third Street.

There is an ongoing investiga-


tion for fraud at the 2500 block of South Main.

There is an ongoing investigation for tampering with a motor vehicle at the 300 block of South Walnut.

Jan. 13
A summons was issued to **Seth D. Shurvington**, 20, for excessive acceleration at the 700 block of North Mulberry.

Jan. 14
There is an ongoing investigation for tampering with a motor vehicle at the 200 block of West Ninth Street.

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19. Furnace for baking
21. Founder of female institute
22. Eight
23. Earl Grey and chamomile are two
25. Messenger ribonucleic acid
26. Dull, unproductive pattern of behavior
27. A large and hurried swallow
29. Large nests
31. A way to choose
33. Grocery store
34. Drains
36. Hawaiian wreath
38. Where fish live
39. Get rid of
41. Beyond, transcending
43. Uncastrated male sheep
44. Asserts
46. Snoopy and Rin Tin Tin are two
48. Windy City footballer
52. Green veggie
53. Director
54. Conditioning
56. Spoke foolishly
57. Legislative body
58. Square measures
59. Cheek

Clues Down
1. Call forth
2. Front legs
3. Third-party access
4. Hairlike structure
5. Ghanaian money
6. Settled down
7. Ill-natured
8. Choose
9. Mountain in the Slovenian Alps
10. Samsung laptops
11. Inquire into
12. Not slow
14. Thailand
15. Front of the eye
18. Kentucky town 41549
20. Extreme disgust
24. Not fast
26. Smelled bad
28. Portended
30. Leader
32. Comedian Noah
34. Course
35. Sloven
37. Perfect places
38. A vast desert in N. Africa
40. Monetary unit of Angola
42. Clerks
43. Canadian law enforcers
45. Without (French)
47. Having wisdom that comes with age
49. Delicacy (archaic)
50. Grows older
51. Bitterly regrets
55. It's present in all living cells (abbr.)

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The Global Orphan Project sponsors trips to Haiti often. Five Northwest students traveled to Haiti over the last week of Christmas break with the organization. While they were there, they volunteered at several orphanages and a school called Pathways. Pathways allows 18-year-old orphans a place to stay for two years as well as vocational training.

The gift of hope

Students spend the new year serving the needs of others

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“Where America is rich, Haiti is poor. Where Haiti is rich, America is poor,” Kevin Lee, a group leader with the Global Orphan Project, said.

Lee shared this sentiment with the five Northwest students who went on a life-changing journey to Haiti during the final week of Christmas break.

Lee was talking about the Haitian people’s faith in God. Haiti may be full of poverty, but Lee said he believes the people’s love for Christ makes Haiti great.

In just under 11,000 square miles, Haiti has 760 orphanages. Many of these orphans have at least one living parent, but those parents do not have the resources needed to raise a child, according to independent.co.uk. It is one of the poorest countries in the world, ranking 168 out of 187 on the 2014 Human Development Index (UNPD 2015).

This may just be the reason why Bearcats were called to serve there.

Junior Zac Miller helped organize the mission trip to Haiti, a country he served in twice before.

“I wanted to organize this trip because I have had all of these awesome experiences and I wanted to see people see God in the way I did,” Miller said.

Miller asked some of his friends and proposed the trip after his cross-country and track Bible study.

“God kept bringing new people to me,” Miller said. “We ended up with an awesome group.”

The students flew to Haiti and began their mission at Source de la Grace, an orphanage right across the street from their hotel. They visited several other orphanages and a school called Pathways.

At 18-years-old, orphans are forced to leave the orphanages. Global Orphan Project funds Pathways, a school open to these 18-year-old orphans. While at the schools, the orphans learn a trade in

two years to help them obtain a job.

Twelve students went on the trip: five from Northwest and two high school students.

One of those students was sophomore therapeutic recreation major Jozie Reeter.

“I have prayed about a mission trip for a long time,” Reeter said. “I either wanted to go to Haiti or Africa, but I had never had an opportunity to go that worked with my schedule.”

At the beginning of the semester, sophomore Austin Kraft let Reeter know about an opportunity to go to Haiti and told her to talk to Miller if she was interested.

It ended up working out, and Reeter said she has no regrets about how she spent the last week of her break.

“It was absolutely amazing. It is one of the best things I have done in my life, definitely life changing,” Reeter said.

Another one of the group leaders stressed to the students the importance of realizing the beauty within Haiti.

“We were told to look at Haiti through two lenses while we were there: brokenness and beauty,” Reeter said. “Instead of just focusing on how broken it was and on all of the poverty, we had to find time to see the beauty.”

The group worked in orphanages and saw children who were left with nothing; the brokenness was easy to see.

“It is easy to focus on everything Haiti didn’t have, but the beauty was so present in how each of these kids loved and knew Jesus,” Reeter said.

The students stayed in a hotel next door to an orphanage. When they first arrived, Reeter heard someone calling out to them. She turned to see a girl standing on top of a building, looking at them over the wall.

“Her name was Jouselande,” Reeter said. “She asked me to come over and talk to her, so I did. A couple times a day we stood and talked

to each other and we would sometimes have our translator help us.”

When the two finally got the chance to meet face-to-face, Jouselande had a plan.

“She came up to me and asked for my help. For 45 minutes, we scooped up handfuls of rocks and ran to the other side of the village, and dumped them out over piles of mud and water so other people didn’t have to walk through it,” Reeter said. “We did it over and over again. It was one of my favorite memories.”

Miller also recruited fellow track runner senior Jake Stansbury to go on the trip.

This was not Stansbury’s first overseas mission trip; he went to Trinidad and Tobago when he was in fifth grade. Although he said the two mission trips were similar, Haiti was more deprived.

“One of my favorite memories is Hinche, an orphanage. When we were about to leave, I took out my phone and asked one of the kids in Haitian Creole if he loved Jesus,” Stansbury said.

The child replied he did love Jesus and all of the other kids around Stansbury started speaking. When they were traveling back, Stansbury asked the translator what the children said.

“They said ‘I love Jesus because he is our savior, he is our big brother, he is our king, because he is our friend,’” Stansbury said. “Hearing that was so encouraging. They know who Jesus is and although we are leaving them, we don’t have to worry about them and their eternal lives.”

This trip was Miller’s third in the last year. He has gone with a different organization each time, but has always done the same type of work.

“I keep going back because I love the people and loving seeing their love for Christ and other people,” Miller said. “Also, I miss the kids I get to know. When I got off the bus on my second trip, there were kids

who knew who I was. They recognize you and want you there.”

Because Miller has gone several times, there are a couple of kids he has gotten closer to.

“Enoch and Darlin are two I have really gotten to know and grow close with,” Miller said. “Enoch and I will run around and play tag for hours.”

Each time Miller goes to Haiti, he meets new children and builds relationships with them.

“I met one of the sweetest kids ever named Walky,” Miller said. “He was a blast to play with. I really want to see him again one day.”

Watching other people experience what Miller had seen before was one of Miller’s favorite parts of the trip.

“The thing I learned the most was when we are faithful to what God is putting in our hearts, we can have a major impact on those around us,” Miller said. “So in this case, God was calling me to not only go back to Haiti, but to bring people with me.”

Each night, the groups met together and reflected over their days. Miller was impressed each day to see how engaged his peers were with God and the mission before them.

Leaving Haiti was a major struggle for the students, both in a literal and a figurative sense.

The flight out of Haiti was delayed for two hours and when the group finally landed in Miami, they had 50 minutes to get through customs and meet their connecting flight.

Miller and another student ran across the airport to try and put a hold on the flight while the other students caught up.

“We got there at 9:54 and the plane left at 10:00, but there wasn’t anyone at the desk,” Miller said. “The flight was even delayed until 10:25, but they wouldn’t let us on. We sat there for 30 minutes, watching our plane. We had to stay in Miami for another two nights until we found another flight.”

Despite the chaos, the students enjoyed having another day of fellowship.

However, saying goodbye to the children was the biggest challenge for Reeter, Stansbury and Miller.

“In Haiti, I was surrounded with other Christians and didn’t have any distractions like social media or texting,” Reeter said. “Getting back here and picking up on how much people complain, including myself, is challenging. It’s a lot of changing your thoughts and perceptions.”

Miller had a hard time saying goodbye because he did not know when he would be returning.

“It was challenging to leave the kids for the third time,” Miller said. “Every other trip, I knew I would be returning, but this time I don’t know when I will be going back, whether it’s in months or several years from now.”

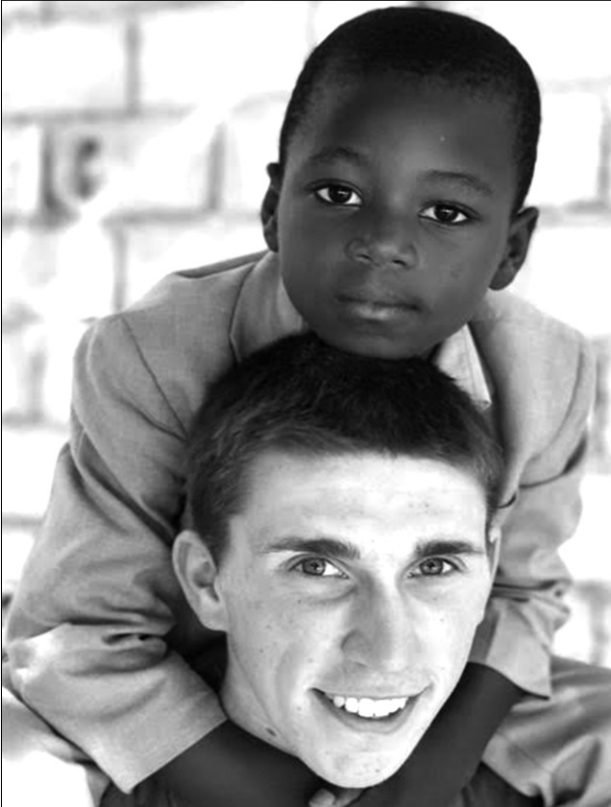
Most of the kids in Haiti do not have access to technology, so it is hard for the volunteers and orphans to stay connected.

Stansbury had a hard time coming back and seeing everything he had, compared to what little the children he worked with had.

“Coming back was difficult after seeing what we saw,” Stansbury said. “It was hard to see what we have and how easy it was to take it all for granted.”

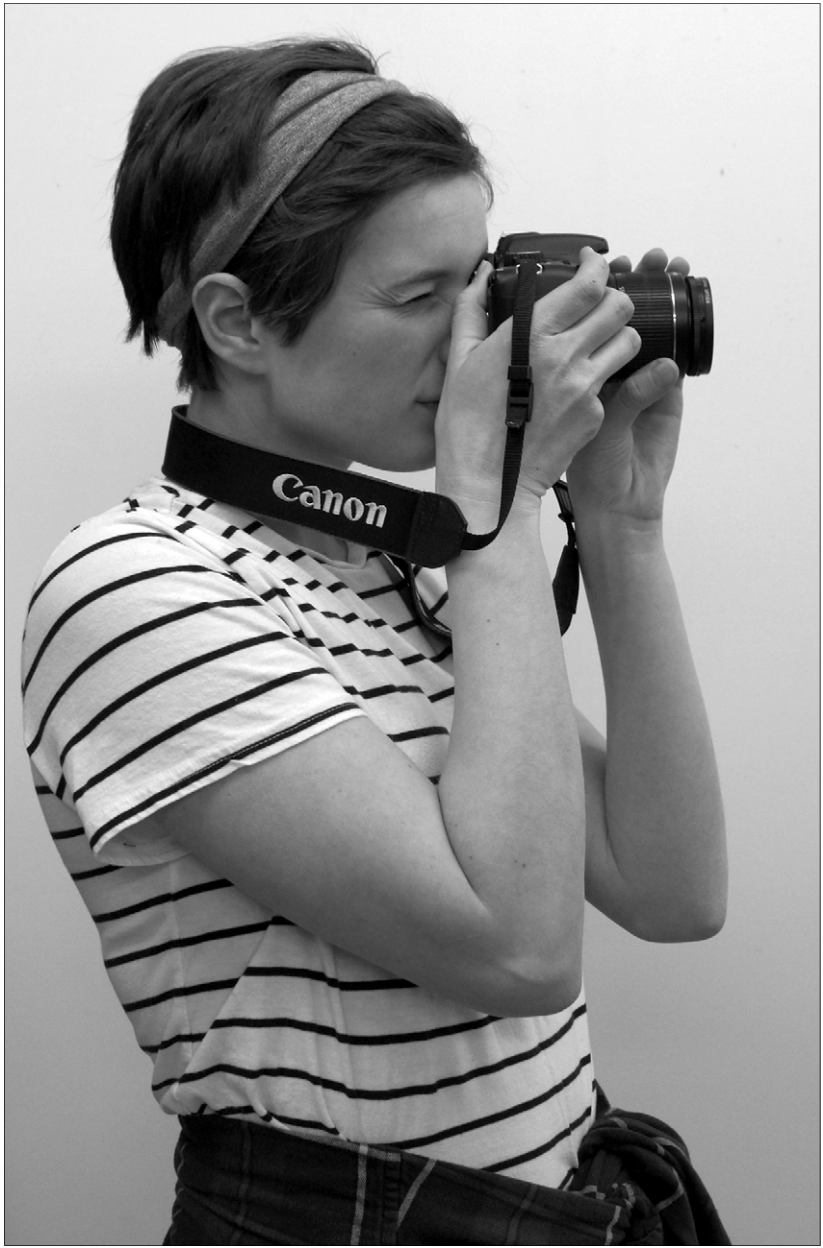
Each of the students are excited to see where God sends them next. But Reeter reminds people they do not have to go to Haiti to make a difference.

“You think to do mission work or to see brokenness you have to go to another country,” Reeter said. “But we have brokenness here that we are blind to. We try to push it away and ignore it and say other places have more problems. There is still work to be done here as well as other places.”



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“We learned that orphans are easier to ignore before you know their names. They are easier to ignore before you see their faces. It is easy to pretend they’re not real before you hold them in your arms, but once you do, everything changes,” David Platt said. Because of the relationships the students built, the hardest part of their mission was saying goodbye and not knowing if they would see the kids again.



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Junior Zoe Green has grown comfortable seeing the world through her camera lens.

Photographer captures more than just words

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It is often said a picture is worth a thousand words, but Junior Zoe Green is trying to capture more than just words.

Green first started photography and art toward the end of her high school career.

“I just needed a purpose,” Green said. “I needed to find some meaning in my life, and what I wanted to do and what I was doing.”

She took a photography class when she no longer wanted to continue with band.

“I slowly started branching out into more art,” Green said. “By the time college came around, I decided this is something I wanted to do.”

Green’s latest project is a series of posters about president-elect Trump’s cabinet picks, and can be found on the walls of the Fine Arts Building.

“It’s either too aggressive or no one cares, so I was trying to find a balance,” Green said.

Her art has always been focused on people, though it has not always been about politics. She often focuses on how people interact with each other.

“I’m interested in how people interact. How they interact with me, with other people, by themselves and with the world,” Green said. “I’m interested in what humans do.”

When it comes to her medium, Green said it was all about chance.

“It was just luck of the draw,” Green said. “It’s what I started with. With photography there’s a truth you get to tell, but there are

also a lot of falsities in it as well. I’m really interested in the narrative that gets created.”

One of her favorite pieces is her most recent.

“I’ve never gotten to do something this big, and for once I got to see the interaction between people and the work,” Green said.

She also favors the pictures she took in Italy.

“They are something I’m going to hold onto, even if I don’t use them for commercial use,” Green said.

Green is inspired by Denise Avo, Lucian Freud and Alexandra Boulat.

“There is this quote by Boulat that I love,” Green said. “I can’t remember it verbatim but it’s along the lines ‘You can photograph a war without a gun.’”

Like many artists, be it a musician, painter, actor or photographer, Green sometimes runs into “artist’s block,” where inspiration may run dry.

“I usually play piano when that happens,” Green said. “Sometimes you need to take a step back.”

While Green may have started her art career a bit later than some, she did not fail to impress her high school art teacher, Anita Netter McCullough.

“Zoe approached her art in high school with passionate whimsy,” McCullough said. “She always chose the path less trodden. Her maturity as an artist and a woman has deepened her sources of inspiration and combined them with technical mastery.”

While no longer her teacher, McCullough still had advice for her former pupil.

“Advising an artist is a bit like advising the wind to blow in a particular place at a particular time,” McCullough said. “They create what strikes them at the right time and moment. Advice to the young woman striking out into the art world? Unoriginal, but truly appropriate, ‘To thine own self be true.’ Don’t let an industry, group or person try to change or manipulate you, your creative style or voice. And keep in touch with your high school art teacher!”

Green grew at Northwest and McCullough noticed.

“Her work has grown stylistically and technically; I can still see her, but rather than budding, she has blossomed,” McCullough said.

McCullough is not the only one impressed.

“I first saw Zoe’s art freshman year when we began the fine arts classes together,” Green’s friend Madison Krannawitter said. “Zoe’s work all has a deeper meaning, which is so impressive because sometimes it can be hard to convey feelings through something so tangible. She works hard to not only convey her feelings but to talk about what is happening in the world around us, so everyone can relate to the piece.”

While her art may be more introspective at the moment, Green wants her art to be a bounce board for her viewers.

“It’s hard to want to make a statement when you don’t fully understand why you are the way you are,” Green said. “The next step I really am pushing for is being able to communicate with my viewers.”

No dream is too big for local rapper

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“I did it for the dream, man, the dream,” rapper Max Steinke said when explaining why he took a leap of faith with his career.

Steinke, more popularly known as MadMax, is from Maryville and has been brushing off the haters since he was 13-years-old. Now, with his recently signed record contract with Bentley Records, Steinke continues to seek the success he dreamed about since he started writing all those years ago.

Part of this success is not monetary. Steinke says one of the most important aspects that keeps him going is how often fans reach out to him. Steinke sees these fans and connects with them in order to push himself and others forward.

“Before I signed my deal, there were more people reaching out locally and a little nationally,” Steinke said. “Now there is a lot more nationally, and I have even started seeing people reach out from other parts of the world. My label is really big overseas, so that push really helps.”

This success found Steinke at 18-years-old recording with a group in New York called Mizz Carrera’s Fast Life. Since his career’s incep-

tion, Steinke has been featured on the This is 50, a hip-hop website started by 50 Cent. He has also been on one national tour with rapper’s Suspect and Trazz. Steinke’s first headlining tour is coming up in February, where he will be performing with Wil E. Haze.

Before he found his success, Steinke first found himself fighting a serious form of obsessive compulsive disorder in his early years. His peers often looked down on his end goal of writing music for a living, leaving Steinke with encouragement from only his closest family and friends. These two things gave Steinke a lot to work against.

“It was different,” Steinke said. “People weren’t used to it and I understood. That’s why I never let it bother me. I just kept doing my own thing and kept going. Eventually people kind of understood that I wasn’t going to quit and I was serious about it. It took a couple of years to get people on board, but I just kept going.”

Steinke makes it clear that when he is writing his music, he is writing about his experiences and things he wants to experience. But when he does this, he does it with a younger generation in mind.

Steinke wants his music to be something younger generations



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Local rapper Max Steinke works in the studio on his music. He recently signed a recording contract with Bentley Records.

can listen to if they need guidance.

“Growing up man, I just went through some things that can really get a young person down,” Steinke said. “I saw some things and it really sucked, and it’s one thing that keeps me going. A lot of my fans know this about me and reach out to me about similar stuff. When they do, some-

times I’m able to calm them down just by giving them the time of day.”

Steinke’s love for music and sympathy for others going through similar issues made it clear to him what he needed to fight for from the beginning.

With his rapidly growing success, Steinke can hopefully fight for

his dreams across the globe.

“Just being able to connect to the music is what really helped me,” Steinke said. “When I was able to get that music to other people, I started realizing that they could feel what I was saying through my lyrics.”

THE STROLLER:

Your woman wants you to get my drunk feels

If you drunk-cried this weekend, you are not the only one, and people have to stop judging you for it.

I need you to understand something, Bearcats. I am one who likes to party and have fun but sometimes life is stressful and people are a**holes. This makes me drunk cry.

Sometimes the only way to get my feelings out comes from a great drunk cry, when I tell my best friend everything I have been holding in for the past three months.

As I stood getting ready in my room Friday night, I had no expectation I would drunk cry, yell and fight with multiple people at a party that night.

I have to admit I did not have the

best week. Classes are killing me already, I work three jobs and, if I am being completely honest, the opposite sex sucks.

I did not even really want to go out. I just wanted to stay in and get wine drunk in my room with my laptop and cat, but I already made plans and could not cancel.

Flash-forward to the end of Free Beer Friday: I could barely walk and was fuming mad. This was the start to the next four hours which I would later find out were probably the least graceful in my time here at Northwest.

So here is where I need everyone in this student body to realize something: I am not going to apol-

ogize to the people I yelled at or for the drunk tears that fell. Why should I have to? I think as college students we all think we know what is going on in our best friend’s mind.

The truth is you have no idea.

So, cut your best friend who drunk-cried some slack. Try to understand he or she is under a lot of stress. Sometimes I think my friends forget I work three jobs while trying to earn a 4.0. Sometimes I think they forget I have feelings at all.

This is what I am asking. Do you really know everything going on in the background of your friend’s life? No, you do not. You know the major things, but you never know if someone is in the background constantly

tearing your friend down.

So next time your close friend starts bawling in the middle of the party and you are pissed because they got so drunk, take a step back and let them have the tearful freak-out they need.

Don’t shun them for the next 24 hours or not invite them out. Maybe text them the next morning and ask them what is really going on. People really do not just drunk cry for no reason.

So stop being insensitive to your friends. Listen to them when they speak and ask them if they are OK. Show you care. If they blow you off after the drunk cry or tell you it is nothing, do not listen and keep

pressing or shoot their parents a text.

So Bearcat, do not judge me if you see me drunk-crying at a party. I wake up the next day embarrassed I let my emotions show because as a college student I am told over and over I do not have them.

I know you think sometimes it is for attention. I can promise you it is not. I am sick of pretending I am OK.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

KURTH
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Welty has made a gigantic splash onto the Northwest scene. Thus far, he is 34-of-46 from downtown, an eye-catching 74 percent.

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XAVIER KURTH

DEC 31 - JAN 7

SIMPSON MISSOURI SOUTH PITTSBURG

POINTS PER GAME

15

MINUTES PER GAME

31

REBOUNDS PER GAME

10

STEALS PER GAME

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SOURCE: BEARCATSPORTS.COM

ALEXANDRA MELO-MORA | NW MISSOURIAN



Maryville senior Jackson Golightly (left) dribbles right while being tightly guarded by Chillicothe junior Hayden Montgomery (right) during the Spoofhounds’ 54-48 home win Tuesday, Jan. 10.

GOLIGHTLY
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“He just knows our system,” Stoecklein said. “If we were to have to lose him for that reason, it would be a major setback to us,” Stoecklein said. “A lot of what we do goes through him.”

The core relationship between his experiences on the team have

led to the close bond he has with his teammates.

“The team chemistry is just through the roof,” Golightly said. “We’ve played since third grade together. We’re always hanging out outside of school and practice. I really think that helps all of us.”

Golightly does not plan to pursue basketball at the collegiate level. Instead, he made a decision to pur-

sue educational opportunities in the Department of English at Arizona State University.

“I’m a writer and that’s really what I enjoy to do school-wise,” Golightly said. “I went out there last February and really fell in love with it. There is nice weather and nice people out there. I liked what it had to offer.”

Golightly remains focused on

guiding his team to a Midland Empire Conference and Class 3 District 16 title until then. He said the opponents sitting in the way should take the Spoofhounds seriously.

“They see us come out and warm up and everything like ‘oh these guys can’t be that good.’ Then we go out and play together, throw the ball around a little bit and check up some shots that

go in, and they’re like ‘wow, this Maryville team knows how to win together.’ That gets us wins.”

NEXT GAME
Maryville @ St. Joseph Benton
Jan. 19 @ 7:30 p.m.
Maryville @ Savannah
Jan. 20 @ 7:30 p.m.

SPORTS BRIEF

Two Bearcat football athletes injured in accident

Two members of the Northwest football program were injured in a car accident along Interstate 29 Tuesday night.

The Missouri Highway patrol reports junior Cole Forney, 22, was driving southbound on I-29 five miles north of St. Joseph with senior Jacob Vollstedt, 22, when he lost control of his Ford F-250 due to slick pavement.

The truck traveled off the roadway and struck a concrete barrier, overturning before it came to rest on its wheels and caught on fire. Forney, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was ejected from the vehicle. Vollstedt, who was wearing a seatbelt, escaped the vehicle.

Both men were transported by An-

drew County ambulance to Mosaic Life Care in St. Joseph. Vollstedt suffered moderate injuries and was released soon after. Forney was listed with serious injuries, and is receiving care at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas. According to a tweet by coach Rich Wright, Forney is in stable condition.

Forney’s mother, Cristy, issued a statement through senior Jack Young on social media.

“We are so overwhelmed by the love and support of our family, friends and Bearcat Nation,” Cristy Forney said. “He (Cole) is the King of Optimism and he would want all of you to be so as well.

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Jan. 21 @ 7:30 p.m.

ATHLETES of the WEEK



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SPOOFHOUNDS

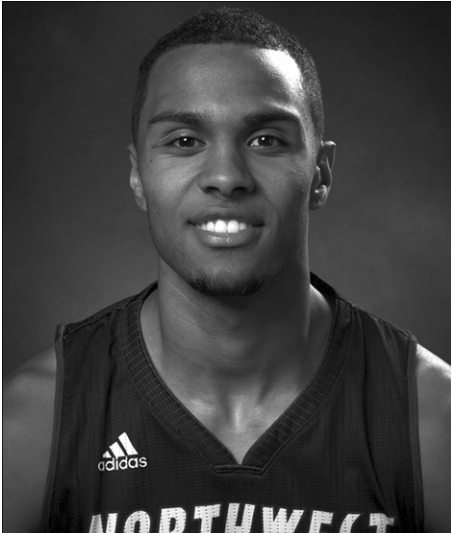


Chris-Ebou Ndow

Audrey Wichmann

Trey Oglesby

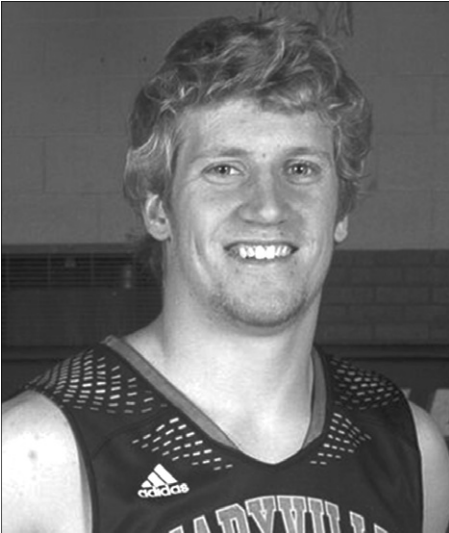
Felicia Sheil



The senior forward led the Bearcats with 18 points in a 75-54 victory over Southwest Baptist Jan. 14. Ebou was five-for-six from the field goal range, and was two-for-two from the three point line.



The sophomore hit an NCAA provisional mark of 5-5 in the women’s seeded high jump at the Holiday Inn Invitational Jan. 14. She finished in a tie for sixth place overall.



The senior shooting guard led the Spoofhounds with 15 points in a 62-50 victory over Mid-Buchanan Jan. 17.



The senior guard led the Spoofhounds with 14 points in a 51-50 overtime win over Falls City Jan. 13.

Steppers and Cheer finish high at nationals

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The Bearcat Cheerleaders and Bearcat Steppers had the chance to show championship energy at ESPN's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Florida last weekend.



The Bearcat Steppers reached the finals in two events of the 2017 UDA Division II Coed National Championships.

The Steppers placed 12th in Open Jazz, and sixth in Open Pom. The sixth place finish marked the first time Northwest competed in that competition.

The cheerleading team earned a third place finish in the 2017 UCA Division II Coed National Championships. The finish marks the program's 14th top-five finish since 2001.

Cheer entered the year hoping to avenge last year's second place finish. While the cheerleaders did not get what they had hoped, the team has developed progress in bonding.

This year marked senior Joanna Deffenbaugh's fifth trip to the event. The team finished in first her freshman year, but dropped to third and fourth place the next two years.

Last season was a year of redemption for the team, leading to the work put in for competition this year.

"It's been a work in progress every year," Deffenbaugh said. "We've had a larger number of people and a larger turnover every year. We all have the same goal."



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The Northwest Steppers finished 12th in Open Jazz as well as sixth in Pom in the 2017 UDA National Championships in Orlando, Florida, Jan. 7. Cheerleading finished third in the UCA Division II Coed National Championships held at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Florida.

Leading up to this year, Deffenbaugh and other returners knew hard work was going to be needed to possibly advance to first place. It was up to them to welcome its new members and show them what it takes to develop a championship program.

"We definitely work through everything," Deffenbaugh said. "We have enough older people that have strong will to lift up and carry those younger people to get them to understand the process and make them see

the vision the same way we see it."

The team has been through periods of change under coach Jason Sack, who saw this year as a year of reloading compared to the rebuilding experienced in the past.

"Our motivation is to be young and try different things," Sack said. "We have a lot of new things in our program, so we're not stigma or we're not upset because we got second (last year). Their goal is to take us to the same level where we left

off last year."

For both teams, the competition comes with a change of environment. Performing at Bearcat Arena comes with a crowd attending for pleasure.

They face the pressure from the crowd, along with blinding lights at the national competition.

"It's a big difference," Sack said. "Basically, when we go, it is performing our national routine in Bearcat Stadium. There are about 5,000 people there to watch ev-

eryone performing, and we get the chance to perform."

Bearcat Cheer earned a National Championship in 2010, 2012 and 2013. The highest recent Bearcat Steppers finish came in 2015, with a fifth-place finish in Open Jazz.

Bearcat Cheer tryout information has not been announced.

For Stepper tryout information go to bearcatsports.com

Students flock to intramural volleyball glory

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Beginning Jan. 22, students will pack the Northwest Recreation Center to play in the annual intramural volleyball tournament.



For three weeks, 48 teams will compete in three separate divisions for the title of best team.

The three divisions consist of an all sorority, all fraternity and one co-rec. After the three weeks, the teams will be split into a playoff bracket according to their game records.

Compared to the previous two years, the 48 registered teams sig-

nal an increase in interest. The recent success of the tournament is no coincidence. The recreation center staff made an effort to increase the popularity of the event.

"As a team, we collaborated to improve our marketing techniques," graduate assistant Matthew Denton said. "We have been in the Union talking to people and putting stuff on social media."

Most of the 48 teams consist of Greek life members, due to them being required to play at least one sport. Some of these members will play again in the co-rec division.

"We do get the same people over and over again," Denton said.

"We have tried to improve that by adding freshmen and sophomores to that group."

Instead of targeting those who regularly attend the recreation center, the staff targeted students who may not know about the event.

In order to do this, the recreation tailored its marketing strategy to appeal to different target audiences.

"We have been involving our student employees in our marketing," Denton said. "That allows us to interact with a more diverse audience."

Part of that diverse audience includes students who played a sport in high school and want to continue to be a part of a team in college.

"It's a great opportunity to get back on the court and play with a team," junior Kenzie Schumacher said. "It also felt good to be competitive and build a relationship with my (sorority) sisters."

Schumacher, a member of last year's Alpha Thugs, will be one of many students that will participate in the tournament for a second or third time.

Although many will compete, only one team from each division will take home a championship trophy.

"You are guaranteed three free games when you sign up," Denton said. "After that you go into a playoff, which is single-elimination, and

a winner will be selected from there."

Teams only enter the playoff bracket associated with their own division. Sororities enter the sorority bracket, co-recs enter the co-rec bracket, and so on.

Starting Feb. 9, the regular season will take place at the Northwest Recreation Center. Immediately following the season will be the single-elimination playoff bracket.

Unlike intramural basketball and other sports, numbers tend to be higher due to the different divisions in play. With more people signing up than in recent years, the recreation center's marketing strategy appears to be paying off.

Strong performance punches first NCAA mark



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Seniors Rayvonne Brown (left), Cale Korbek (middle) and junior Matt Prindle (right) practice sprints at Bearcat Stadium.

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Northwest track and field stood strong in its second meet of the 2016-17 season at the University of Nebraska.



Northwest showcased strong outings from many of its veteran performers against NCAA Division I schools from all around the Midwest in the Holiday Inn Invitational in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Junior Brandon Phipps led the team winning the men's 5,000 meter by almost four seconds, with a time of 14:49.04. Junior Sammy Laurenzo placed second in the women's 5,000 meter, with a time of 18:18.25.

The men's distance medley and sophomore Audrey Wichmann's tie for sixth in the women's seeded high jump, with a NCAA provisional mark of 1.65 meters, highlighted day two of the meet.

"It's always about being competitive and having your heart in it," coach Scott Lorek said. "This isn't the week that we are shooting for our best times. To go up there and go against teams like Oklahoma State and Nebraska is a really good thing for our program."

The veteran distance medley team of senior Joe Anger, senior Ryan Cox, sophomore Derrick Templeman and senior Tim Grundmayer posted a time of 10:10.25, beating out the second place medley team from the University of Nebraska by .06 seconds.

"The meet showed a lot of areas where we have some big potential," Cox said. "Our men's distance crew will be leading the way this season, but we still have work to do."

With the season still in its youth, the Northwest track and field team will continue to build off of this early momentum.

"We need to work on all of

our times, but I did see some great things for this just being an establishing point early in the season," Lorek said. "For many of our runners, this weekend was one of their fastest times. We need to build from that, but this is still a really good starting point for us."

With the improvement in the runners' times, Lorek could not help but praise mother nature and how it has helped them in the start of this season.

"The weather has affected us only in a good way. We try to get out into the outdoor track as much as we possibly can," Lorek said. "The weather has really cooperated with us; our distance people are outside all the time and the fact that there is no snow to mess up their footing is great. The cold doesn't even matter to us, so all and all it's worked out."

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NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
NORTHWEST.....	16-0	8-0
Nebraska Kearney.....	12-4	5-2
Lincoln.....	12-5	5-3
Central Oklahoma.....	10-6	5-3
Washburn.....	12-4	4-3
Central Missouri.....	10-5	4-3
Emporia St.....	8-8	4-3
Lindenwood.....	14-6	4-4
Missouri Southern.....	10-7	4-4
Fort Hays St.....	9-6	3-4
Southwest Baptist.....	9-7	2-4
Missouri Western.....	5-11	2-6
Northeastern St.....	3-13	2-6
Pittsburg St.....	3-13	1-7

Jan. 19
Nebraska Kearney at Northwest

Jan. 21
Fort Hays St. at Northwest

NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
Pittsburg St.....	16-1	8-0
Central Oklahoma.....	15-1	7-1
Central Missouri.....	13-2	6-1
Emporia St.....	14-2	5-2
Fort Hays St.....	14-2	5-2
Missouri Southern.....	10-7	5-3
Washburn.....	11-5	4-3
Missouri Western.....	12-5	4-4
Southwest Baptist.....	11-5	3-4
Lindenwood.....	6-9	2-6
Northeastern St.....	6-10	2-6
NORTHWEST.....	6-9	1-7
Lincoln.....	2-13	1-7
Nebraska Kearney.....	4-11	0-7

Jan. 19
Nebraska Kearney at Northwest

Jan. 21
Fort Hays St. at Northwest

MHS BOYS BASKETBALL

MEC Standings

	Overall	MEC
MARYVILLE.....	12-1	4-0
St. Joseph Benton.....	8-4	1-0
Savannah.....	4-3	2-1
Chillicothe.....	7-7	1-1
St. Joseph Lafayette.....	3-12	1-1
Cameron.....	6-8	0-1
Bishop LeBlond.....	3-9	0-2
Smithville.....	0-7	0-2

Jan. 19
Maryville at St. Joseph Benton

Jan. 20
Maryville at Savannah

MHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

MEC Standings

	Overall	MEC
Chillicothe.....	13-1	1-0
St. Joseph Lafayette.....	8-5	1-0
St. Joseph Benton.....	7-4	2-0
Smithville.....	8-4	0-1
MARYVILLE.....	3-10	0-1
Savannah.....	2-5	0-1
Bishop LeBlond.....	2-10	0-1
Cameron.....	1-6	0-0

Jan 19
Maryville at Bishop LeBlond

Struggling women go back to basics

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Subsequent to Northwest’s drought, coach Buck Scheel decided a significant change was essential to turn things around.



In previous weeks, Scheel placed his focus on the technical side of basketball. When the season started, mandatory shooting times were implemented and the result showed. In Northwest’s 5-0 start, it shot at a higher percentage than any team it played.

But in order to get back to its winning ways following a nine-game losing streak, Scheel decided to take a different approach. Right before Northwest’s game against Southwest Baptist, Scheel gathered all of his players and held a meeting. The purpose was to get back to the basics.

“We just got together and discussed why we play the game of basketball,” sophomore guard Arbrie Benson said. “Then we tried to use that as a motive to play harder.”

Coincidentally, Northwest won its first game following the meeting, and if its victory over Southwest Baptist is any indication, is ready to turn the corner.

“We picked up a really good, conference road win,” Scheel said. “We had some players step up who hadn’t been playing well.”

To the tune of a 79-72 victory, Northwest clicked on all cylinders. Its shooting returned to form and a 46 percent effort from three was the result.

Unlike many games before, Northwest came out early and outscored Southwest Baptist 25-17 in the first quarter.

Lead by Benson’s 23-point outing and senior guard Jasmin Howe’s 20, Northwest showed the tenacity that it was deficient in for the past few weeks.

“They really stepped up on Saturday when we needed them,” Scheel said. “They have been struggling for the past couple of games, but they flipped the switch and really got

things going.”

But it was not just the shooting that improved. Lost in the shuffle of beating an 11-5 Southwest Baptist team was Northwest’s exceptional perimeter defense.

Not only did Northwest shoot 50 percent overall, it also held Southwest Baptist to 20 percent from behind the three-point line.

In her second game back from injury, senior Tanya Meyer also contributed 19 points. Combined, the trio of Benson, Howe and Meyer scored 62 points.

If Northwest wants to win its first consecutive game in seven weeks, it would be wise to follow its top three. However, the team should be cautious that it only produced three bench points.

When the three players mentioned above are on, Northwest can compete with any team in the conference. But when any of them are off, others will need to step in and fill the scoring void.

Now that Northwest has a scoring foundation in place, it can work on filling in the pieces.

“Up next we have Kearney who is a better team than on paper,” Scheel said. “We are going to have our hands full, considering how we beat them up there last year.”

On paper, Northwest should have its way with Nebraska Kearney. At 4-11, Kearney has failed to win on the road all season with a record of 0-5 when away from home.

After returning to basics, the Bearcats believe they have found a recipe for success. Now, they need to continue to put that plan into fruition.

“He (Scheel) really made us focus on the little things,” Howe said. “Those add up to be big things, so we had to make sure we executed well.”

NEXT GAME

Nebraska Kearney @ Northwest

Jan. 19 @ 5:30 p.m.

Fort Hays St. @ Northwest

Jan. 21 @ 1:30 p.m.



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Sophomore Arbrie Benson finishes a soft right hand layup in a 86-76 loss against Missouri Southern Jan. 5.

Girls snap losing streak, take step backward

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Maryville girls basketball broke its five game losing streak in a hard-fought battle Friday Jan. 13.



The Spoofhounds won 51-50 in overtime of an intense matchup with Falls City, Nebraska.

Maryville lost to Falls City earlier this season in the Bishop LeBlond Holiday Tournament Consolation Championship game 46-25. This tough win was a major morale boost for the team, according to coach Quentin Albrecht.

“The win over Falls City was definitely a nice one,” Albrecht said. “It was on the road and to a team who had beaten us by 20 plus points just a little over two weeks ago.”

The Spoofhounds headed to the locker room with a 21-19 lead over the Tigers. They came out strong in the second half, but Falls City tied the game at the end of the fourth quarter. After a struggle, Maryville overcame Falls City in overtime. Senior Felicia Sheil led Maryville with

14 points.

The Spoofhounds followed up that big win with a 46-30 loss to Penney High School Tuesday night. The Hornets got off to an early lead and Maryville was unable to close the gap. By the end of the first half, Penney was leading by 18 points, which proved to be too much for Maryville.

The Spoofhounds had an issue talking with each other from the beginning of the game. This put them in a hole that they were unable to recover from, according to sophomore Emma Baldwin.

“The toughest part for us was our lack of communication and focus,” Baldwin said. “We didn’t come out and set the tone for the first three minutes of the game. I think if we communicate and have hard practices before our next game to fix our errors, we will be able to come out strong and refreshed.”

Looking ahead to the remainder of the season, Albrecht is confident the best his team can do is to continue what it has been doing all year long.

“The game plan really doesn’t change much,” Albrecht said. “We have to work hard, keep a positive

attitude and do the little things right to compete and win games.”

The Spoofhounds face off against Bishop LeBlond Friday Jan. 20 in St. Joseph. Maryville played LeBlond over winter break at the Bishop LeBlond Holiday Tournament and beat the Eagles 45-30 on its homecourt.

During that game, the Spoofhounds forced 11 turnovers in the first quarter, and a total of 31 turnovers the entire game. In order to defeat the Eagles again Friday night, Maryville will have to bring the same hard work and motivation that it has demonstrated all year.

“The girls’ key is a positive attitude, win or lose, and I think that is one of their greatest strengths,” Albrecht said. “We continue to make progress as the season progresses, and we strive each and every day to get a little bit better. I think we are all learning our roles and starting to gel at the right time.”

NEXT GAME

Maryville @ Bishop LeBlond

Jan. 19 @ 6:45 p.m.



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Maryville senior Felicia Sheil (right) maintains her balance while being closely guarded by Lafayette junior Tray Byrd (left) in the ‘Hounds 62-27 loss Jan. 6.

Healthy ‘Hounds hit full stride

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Maryville wrestling showedcase the team’s full ability with a solid outing Thursday night, Jan. 12.



After a slow start to the season, the Spoofhounds came into their meet at Sabetha High School the healthiest they have been this season. Maryville handily defeated Falls City High School at the meet with the score of 50-21 and was competitive in its 39-30 loss to Sabetha. Coach Connor Kellerstrass said this was the most complete they have been all season and they were in the right mindset for success.

“Last Thursday was the first night we’ve had everyone back at full strength and down to weight,” Kellerstrass said. “That being said, I

felt we were more focused on Thursday night. The boys were physically and mentally ready to compete.”

The Spoofhounds had five wrestlers win both their matches on the night. That list included sophomores Treyton Paris, Brenden Ware and Drew Driskell, as well as junior Jackson Sanders and senior Matt Twaddle. Twaddle was the only one to not have one of his wins come by forfeit.

Twaddle has been the standout this season for the Hounds. He was voted team captain by his teammates and has a 21-3 record on the season. Twaddle says he has worked to better his wrestling skills to be one step ahead of his competition.

“I’ve just been focusing on areas I need to improve and get better,” Twaddle said. “Staying after my opponent and wearing them down the entire six minutes has been big, so

conditioning also is a factor.”

Maryville entered the season with a relatively young team, having only three seniors. Kellerstrass said he is pleased with progression of the team this season.

“We’ve had a few guys who have been pleasant surprises this year,” Kellerstrass said. “The competition in the room has been increasing as the year has gone forward. It’s exciting to see and to be a part of.”

Maryville has four meets left in the season and will try to capitalize on being at full strength down the stretch.

Kellerstrass said not relinquishing pins is key to having more success.

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High caliber

The Northwest offense and defense rank near the top of the NCAA in several statistical categories



Freshman guard Ryan Welty dishes the ball down to the post in a 77-50 win over Pittsburg State University Jan. 7.

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Northwest (16-0) defense has been malicious through the first half of the season, while the offense is competing to be one of most efficient in the country.

The Bearcat defense has been the main fuel behind the No. 1 Bearcats' engine this year, while Northwest's offense can provide a necessary boost.

Coach Ben McCollum has ingrained a high-power defense since arriving at Northwest in 2009. That in itself has caused Northwest to rise to the second best scoring defense (57 points per game) in the country.

Though the defense has been a regular for McCollum and the Bearcats, the statistics show that the No. 1 team in the land also has one of the most high-powered offenses in Division II basketball.

Northwest harbors the top field goal percentage (53.6 percent) in Division II basketball, along with the third best assist-turnover ratio (1.58). The two statistics combined relate to one key term: efficiency.

"Shooting gives you space on the floor," McCollum said. "We play in the half court for the most part. We're able to create space with just shooting, which helps

Bearcat Scoring



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our bigs. If you start to take away our layups, then we will start to get threes."

Sharp-shooter freshman Ryan Welty is one of many moving parts that have gone into making Northwest the second-best three-point shooting (44.7 percent) team in the country.

"It's good and bad coaching all at once," McCollum said. "I think I've yelled at him about 10 times in practice and nine out of those 10 times have been because he didn't shoot. He takes great shots and so he needs to take more."

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Junior guard exerts premier performance

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A key No. 2 guard falls victim to injury and in the blink of an eye, the Bearcat "next man up" mantra kicks into fifth gear.

Since senior guard Anthony Woods went down with a minor leg injury, junior Xavier Kurth stepped in and made an immediate impact.

Many pieces in the starting rotation contributed to the team's success thus far, but Kurth's rise as a multidimensional athlete began as a role player off the bench.

In a span of three games from Dec. 31 to Jan. 7 Kurth averaged 15 points per game (PPG), 31 minutes per game, 10 rebounds per game and one steal per game. The guard also finished second in the team in total points two out of the three games. Kurth also posted team-highs in rebounds through all three contests as well.

Woods and Kurth are friends both on and off the court. The two are tight, even when Kurth gets a little wild singing one of his favorite songs, "Fake Love," by Drake.

"Usually when I see him being

goofy I'm either laughing or shaking my head," Woods said. "That's just Xav being Xav."

Kurth's antics do not stop with his roommate. Sometimes he drives across town with friends Wednesday nights and takes center stage with a microphone in hand.

"I love to sing," Kurth said. "I go to karaoke nights at Applebee's and singing is one of my big hobbies. I'm just trying to live life and live it to the fullest."

The No. 1 Bearcats (16-0) and McCollum have formulated one of the most elite teams in program history. Their record almost identical to the 2001-2002 season (29-3). When Woods went down, Kurth filled the gap.

"This culture and this environment is what every coach preaches," Kurth said. "It's next man up, so you have to be ready to fill that spot."

At the game prior to Kurth's eruption of playing time and collective stats, the guard was held to just seven minutes on the court, zero made field goals and a 5-for-6 night at the free throw strike.

"He's played within himself," McCollum said. "He can shoot and he's been excellent."

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Junior Xavier Kurth scores against the Gorillas. Kurth had 18 points in the game.

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Senior refuses to Golightly

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Through the highs and lows, personal performance is the least of senior Jackson Golightly's worries; he just wants to guide his team to victory.

Standing 6 feet 6 inches, the shooting guard represents one of the three tallest Spoofhound boys basketball athletes. Add his background of the game with his height, and it is easy to see why opponents have a hard time finding a way to shut him down.

"It is his basketball knowledge and understanding of where he is supposed to be on the floor offensively, defensively, who's open and who's not open," coach Matt Stoecklein said. "He just knows our system. If you look at his stats, his basketball knowledge is very big."

Born in Lawrence, Kansas, Golightly was destined to play a sport. A ball has been in his hands as far back as he remembers. The values learned in the process are almost fitting.

The game of basketball arguably rose to life in Lawrence. The game's founding father, James Naismith, launched basketball to its popularity at the University of Kansas, the school both of Golightly's parents attended. His parents eventually introduce him to the culture of Jayhawk basketball.

Golightly's first in-person experience at Allen Fieldhouse came in 2007, as the Jayhawks took down Kevin Durant and the University of Texas 90-86.

He knew basketball was going to have a part in his life from that day on.

"I walked out of that place and I was like, 'man that was pretty cool,'" Golightly said. "Ever since, I have worked, and loved the game."

Golightly began playing basketball at a community center in second grade. By fourth grade, he began traveling with a youth team connecting with athletes around the Nodaway County area, including senior John Zimmerman.

A setback crept up on Golightly near the same time. He experienced symptoms of swelling,

which sometimes caused his eyes to be forced completely shut. The issue peaked his sophomore year, leading to the decision to seek help in Omaha, Nebraska.

Doctors diagnosed him with hereditary angioedema (HAE), and an IV solution was given to reduce swelling. He has avoided issues since, but the risk is not completely eliminated.

HAE caused him to miss two games as a sophomore, leaving the worries of missing another game in the back of his mind since.

"I just kind of realize when I step out there, it could be my last time and I should make everything count," Golightly said. "It goes to show, be grateful for everything you have. It is not always going to be there."

Maryville is on a 12-1 run this season, with the only loss coming to Class 5's Staley High School. Golightly played into the Spoofhound game plan through each step.

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Senior forward Jackson Golightly uses his 6-foot, 6-inch frame to score over multiple Chillicothe defenders in the Spoofhounds' 54-48 win Jan. 10.

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